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Reply to Office Action of November 20, 2007  
and the Communication dated November 12, 2008

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 10, lines 29-32, please replace the previously amended paragraph with the following:

--Figures 2A-E illustrate the comparison of the nucleic acid (Figures 2 B-E; (SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 24)) and protein (Figure 2A; (SEQ ID NOS: ~~25 and 26~~ 26 and 25)) sequences *HsKin17* and *MmKin17*. Nucleotides = 86% identity, amino acids = 92.4% identity.